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To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The annual report of the Trustees of the Public Library is presented:

During the past year there has been a considerable increase in the number of books circulated and in the number of borrowers, which shows that the advantages of the library are appreciated by a large part of the town-people, and that the interest in the book world is growing. Proper authorities state that the circulation should average five volumes per capita of the population of the town and, although, we have reached that standard there are many who seldom or never visit the rooms.

Those who enjoy browsing among books and examining the contents of the shelves in the stack-room may find there a large variety of subjects sufficient to appeal to all tastes. Books written in foreign languages, principally Armenian and Greek, are loaned us by the State Library Commission, and the eagerness with which they are read proves that they give much pleasure.

The school children frequent the library in large numbers to seek help in their studies as well as to obtain books for their amusement. We hope in the near future to be able to have the services of a children's librarian, who will devote her time to assisting students in their research work, and guiding them in the selection of their reading. Such a person would be of great value and materially add to the usefulness of that department. Our present librarian does much for the children, but with all the duties incumbent upon her, finds it impossible to give the time necessary to secure the best results.

In November our library, in accordance with the national custom, observed Children's Book Week. Many Juvenile publications were on exhibition, and one afternoon was devoted to story telling for the instruction and entertainment of pupils from the third grade. The main object of this observance is to afford parents and teacher an opportunity to examine some of the worth while juvenile books and, if desirable, to get advice as to the best ones to purchase to start a home library for their young folks. We can not stress with too much emphasis the importance of placing in the hands of the children works of decided merit, and thus cultivating in their minds a desire for and enjoyment of the best in literature.

We are constantly finding it necessary to make repairs and changes about the building, and during the past year the tables in the reading rooms have been refinished and new electric lights installed. The old lights were insufficient for reading with comfort. A new filing cabinet has been added to the equipment of the library in which to keep the collection of pictures, which is being made for the use and education of the children.

Due care and attention are bestowed upon the grounds about the building in order that a creditable appearance may be maintained. A well kept lawn and ornamental shrubs enhance the attractiveness of any place.

We consider ourselves fortunate in still retaining Miss Martha A. Jackson as librarian and Miss Mildred Howell as her able assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CHASE, Chairman.
CORA E. DIKE,
MARGARET W. EMERSON,
GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE,
GEORGE A. PACKARD,
HERBERT H. RICHARDSON
Trustees of the Public Library.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library:

I submit the Librarian's report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

The past year has been a busy year in the Public Library, having had a larger circulation than in any previous year.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN 1927

There have been 823 new books added to the Public Library in 1927 by purchase or gift. Some of these were: Barton, Life of Abraham Lincoln; Baker, Woodrow Wilson, Life and Letters; Ludwig, Bismark, the Story of a Fighter; Ludwig, Napoleon; Bradford, D. L. Moody, a worker in Souls; Peck, Shelley, His Life and Work; Moses, Louisa May Alcott, Dreamer and worker; Morrow, Father of Little Women; Law, Modern Great Americans; Stoddard, As I Knew Them, Presidents and Politics, From Grant to Coolidge; Amundsen, First Crossing the Polar Sea; Connolly, Gloucester Fishermen; Bowles, Handmade Rugs; Dorsey, Why We Behave Like Human Beings; Ewers, Ant People; Franck, East of Siam; Halli-

burton, Royal Road to Romance; Humphrey, Winterwise; Laut, Enchanted Trails of Glacier Park; Peck, School Book of Forestry; Seitz, Great Island; Sullivan, Our Times, The Turn of the Century; Thomas, European Skyeways, The Story of a Tour of Europe by Airplane; Kipling, Inclusive Verse; Marden, First Spanish Grammar; Keyserling, The World in the Making; Whiting, Storm Fighters; Crump, Boys' Book of Airmen; Maeterlinck, The Life of the White Ant; Shepard, Heart of Thoreau's Journals.

Among the books added for reference are: A. L. A. Catalog, 1926, An annotated Basic List of 10,000 books; H. W. Wilson Company's Children's Catalog of 4100 Standard Books; Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia; Walsh's Handy Book of Curious Information; White, Latin - English Dictionary; Mowat, A New Histry of Great Britain, From the Roman Conquest to the Present Day; Thorndike, History of Medieval Europe.

GIFTS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A larger number of gifts of books, magazines, pictures and flowers have been received at the Public Library during the past year than usual. These gifts have been much appreciated and the librarian in behalf of the library wishes to thank the people of Stoneham for their thoughtfulness in bestowing these gifts. Gifts were received from the following persons: Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian Church, Mrs. George Alcock, Mrs. Charles Chase, Mrs. R. Clemson, Miss Mary Davidson, Mrs. Margaret Emerson, Mrs. Abbie Green, Mrs. H. A. Hill, Mr. Charles Lane, Mrs. F. A. Saunders, Mrs. J. H. Scherer, Miss Rachel Steele, Mrs. Schlosser and C. Wentworth.

MAGAZINES

Antiques, a new magazine was added to the Adult Reading Room in 1926.

List of Magazines Received at the Public Library.

These Magazines May be issued for Home Use:

American Boy	* Christian Register
American City	* Christian Science Journal
American Girl	* Christian Science Sentinel
American Magazine	Delineator
American Printer	Etitude
Antiques	Field and Stream
Asia	Good Housekeeping
Atlantic Monthly	Harper's Magazine

Bookman
Boy's Life
Century
Child Life
Library Journal
Literary Digest
Motor
National Geographic Magazine
* Nature Magazine
New Republic
North American Review
Open Road
* Our Dumb Animals
Outlook
Pictorial Reiew
* Gift.

House Beautiful
House and Garden
Illustrated London News
Ladies Home Journal
St. Nicholas
Saturday Evening Post
* Sat. Review of Literature
Science and Invention
Scientific American
Scientific Monthly
Scribner's Magazine
Survey
System
Woman's Home Companion
World's Work
Youth's Companion

STAFF

Martha A. Jackson, Librarian; Mildred Howell, Assistant Librarian; Irva Graham, Eleanor Parks, Helen Packard, Elizabeth Tidd, Arline Parks, Dorothy Tidd and Dorothy Green, High School Assistants.

Total Circulation for 1927		49,188
Adult fiction	23,755	
Adult non-fiction	3,124	
Juvenile fiction	17,092	
Juvenile non-fiction	2,431	
Magazines	2,039	
Foreign Books	147	
Total	49,188	49,188

STATISTICS

Total registration for 1927	1,719
New registration in 1927	503
Total volumes in library (estimated)	14,577
Volumes added by purchase	643
Volumes added by gift	176
Volumes added by binding	4
Magazines added by purchase	1
Magazines added by gift	3

Replacements (Adults)	72
Replacements (Juvenile)	57
Average number of books circulated per day	162
Number of days library was open	303

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. JACKSON,

Librarian.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation		6,000.00
Refund		15.00
Martha A. Jackson, Librarian	1,400.00	
Assistants	1,090.25	
Janitor	537.53	
Books	1,223.29	
Periodicals	155.39	
Binding Books	143.17	
Binding Periodicals	19.56	
Fuel	703.50	
Light	201.99	
Repairs, etc.	21.76	
Furniture and Furnishings	184.75	
Stationery and Printing	56.78	
Telephone	31.99	
Other Expenses	140.30	
	5,910.26	
Balance to Revenue	104.74	
	6,015.00	6,015.00